

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1-2 and 5-11 are allowed. By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

A. Inoue And Steiner

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,284,102 to Inoue et al. ("Inoue") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,908,532 to Steiner et al. ("Steiner"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, claim 4 is canceled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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